# KNOWING JESUS Boldly we approach the Throne



#### Climbing Hebrews 1 - 7 Jesus: superior in every way

Angels | Moses | Priesthood

#### Now this is the crowning point of what we are saying: We have a magnificent King-Priest who ministers for us at the right hand of God.

He is enthroned with honour next to the throne of the Majesty on high. He serves in the holy sanctuary in the true heavenly tabernacle set up by God, and not by men.

Since every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, so the Messiah also had to bring some sacrifice. But since he didn't qualify to be an earthly priest, and there are already priests who offer sacrifices prescribed by the law, he offered in heaven a perfect sacrifice.

Hebrews 8: 1-4



# **The Crowning Point**

#### The final better than(s) ...

Place | Sacrifice | Promise



### **The Better Place**

• The Heavenly Throne Room

Instantly I was taken into the spirit realm and behold—I saw a heavenly throne set in place and someone seated upon it. His appearance was sparkling like crystal and glowing like a carnelian gemstone. Surrounding the throne was a circle of green light, like an emerald rainbow.

Encircling the great throne were twenty-four thrones with elders in glistening white garments seated upon them, each wearing a golden crown of victory. And pulsing from the throne were blinding flashes of lightning, crashes of thunder, and voices.

And burning before the throne are seven blazing torches, which represent the seven Spirits of God. And in front of the throne there was pavement like a crystal sea of glass.

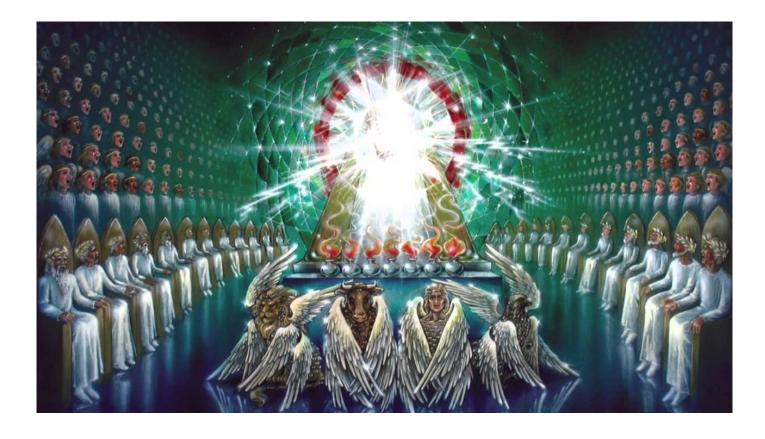
Revelation 4: 2 - 5

Look! The mighty Lion of Judah's tribe, the root of David—he has conquered! He is the worthy one who can open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw a young Lamb standing in the middle of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders. He appeared to have been slaughtered but was now alive! He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out to the ends of the earth.

I saw the young Lamb approach the throne and receive the scroll from the right hand of the one who sat there. And when the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures saw the Lamb had taken the scroll, they fell facedown at the feet of the Lamb and worshiped him.

*Revelation 5: 5 - 8* 



## **The Three Better Thans**

• The Perfect Sacrifice



## **The Three Better Thans**

• The better Promise - The New Covenant

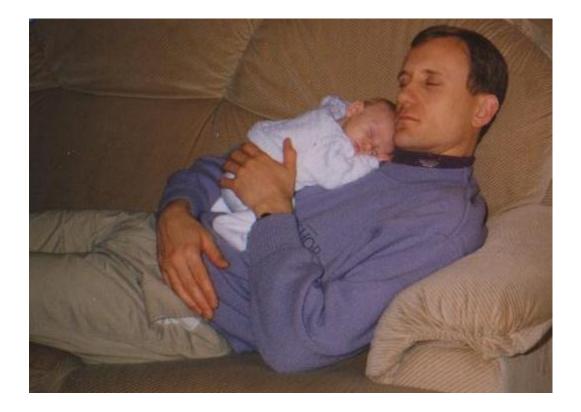
And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come right into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and with no hesitation

Hebrews 10: 19



# **Our Response**

Inspired to worship



# **The Father's Embrace**

• Embrace our new Identity

So now we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises!

Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love.

This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning

Hebrews 10: 23 - 25



# **Provoke the Family**

• Creative ways to serve a hurting world



# Summarising

• What does this mean for us ... today?

#### Dear Jesus,

Please come into my life today; I want to know you better. Fill me with your hope, your love and your joy; Forgive me where I mess up; Help me to know I'm a child of God. And give me the courage to work with You for good.

Amen